Working of Telephones at Sarita Vihar, New Delhi

2921. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some telephones in Sarita Vihar, New Delhi under Okhla Exchange are not working and complaints in this regard are not attended; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to see that complaints are promptly attended?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Telephone in Sarita Vihar area are by and large functioning normally. Also complaints are attended to promptly and most of the faults are rectified within 24 hours of their booking. However, some telephone faults took longer time for repairs in the months of February and March '92 because of multiple damages on the underground cables.

(b) Steps have been taken to intensify petrolling on the cable routes to reduce cable faults to the extent possible. Also telephone faults continuing beyond 24 hours are being monitored at higher levels, i.e., at the level of General Manager in the area as well as at the Headquarters of Delhi Telephone.

S.T.D. Facility at District Bastar in Madhya Pradesh

2922. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Telecommunications have taken measures to extend STD facility to Dantewada. Sub-divisional headquarters at District Bastar in Madhya Pradesh, which is at a distance of 25 Km. from Bailadila;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether STD facility is not available at Bailadila Iron Ore Project, District Bastar;

(d) whether any request has been received to extend STD facility at Bailadila in District Bastar;

(e) whether any steps are being taken by Government to extend this facility to Dantewada also ; and

(f) if so, what are the details there of?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) An electronic exchange has already been installed at Dantewada. Plans for extending STD facility during 8th Plan have been approved.

(c) Yes Sir, STD is not available at Bailadila.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Details as per (b) above.

Underground Ducts for Laying Telephone Cables in Himachal Pradesh

2923. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had executed any programme of laying and construction of underground ducts for laying telephone cables in Himachal Pradesh during the year 1990; and

(b) if so, what is-the progress of their civil works made, so far by each of the contractors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.